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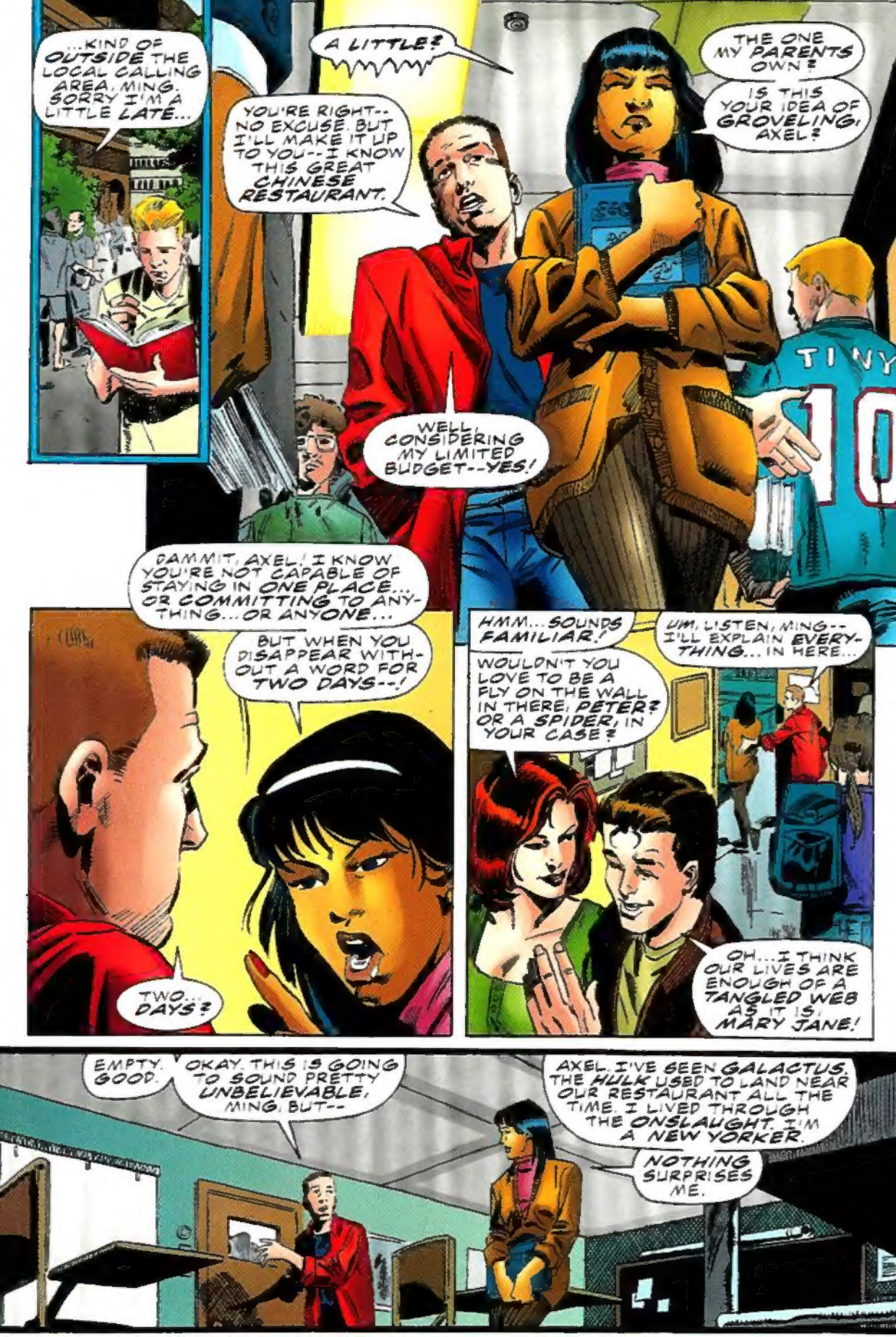
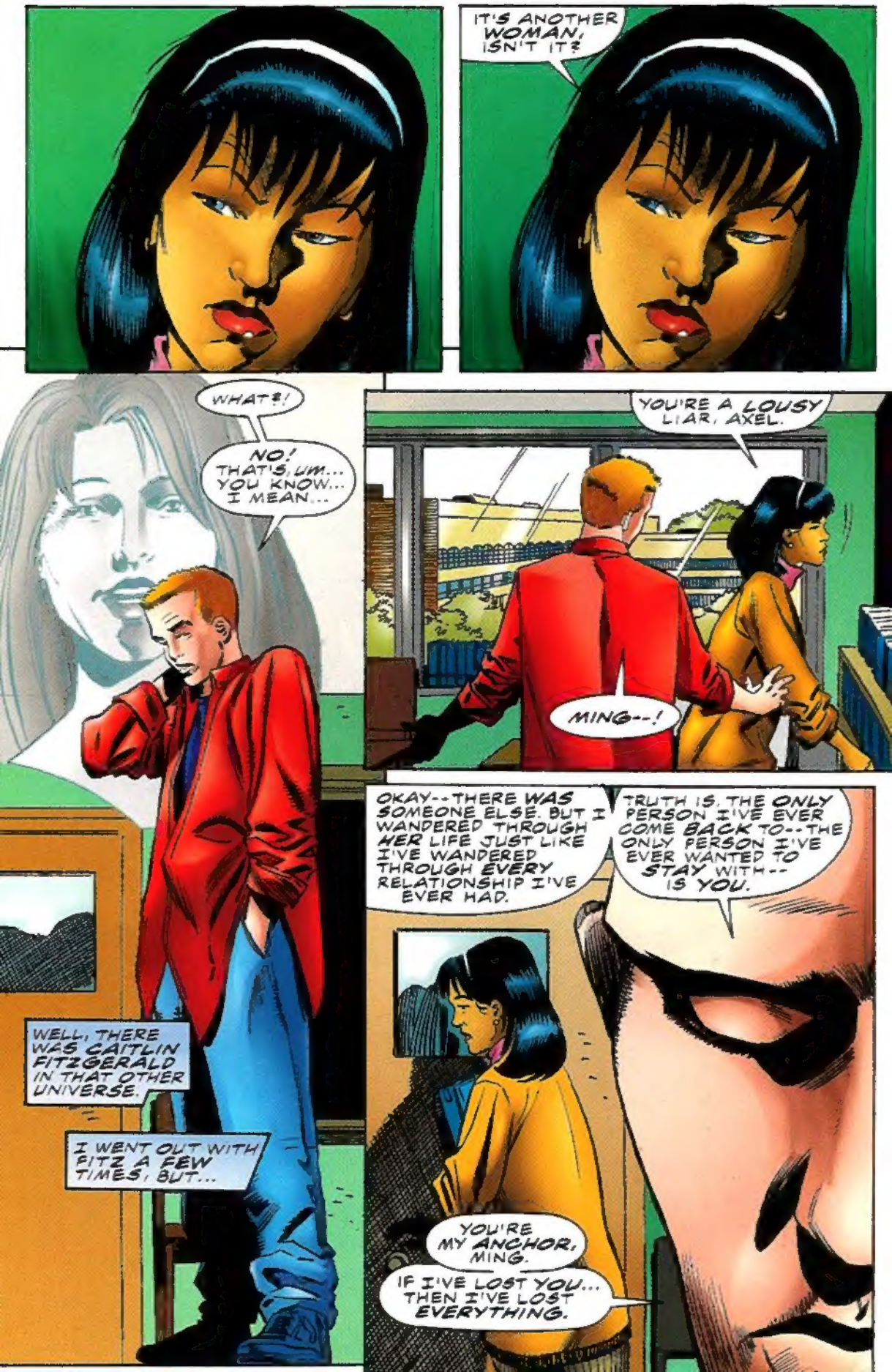
NOT LIKE I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT. ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT ME AND WHAT I DO...
...THOUGH THAT COULD CHANGE WITH ALL THE CROSSOVERS THAT'VE BEEN HAPPENING LATELY.
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S BEEN A TON OF THEM.
THEN AGAIN--MAYBE THIS IS NORMAL. I HAVEN'T BEEN ACCESS FOREVER, AFTER ALL.
MOST OF THE TIME I'M JUST AXEL ASHER--PART-TIME STUDENT AND FULL-TIME DREAMER.
LEAST, THAT'S WHAT MY GIRLFRIEND, MING, TELLS ME. SHE SAYS I HAVE TROUBLE STAYING FOCUSED ON THE HERE AND NOW...
...AND I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR HER SAY IT AGAIN! I LOVE HER VOICE... LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT HER, ACTUALLY.
WE'VE GOT A LUNCH DATE TODAY, AND THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING TO BE...
...LATE?
NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE! THE SPIDER/BAT GIG DIDN'T TAKE THAT LONG...
...DID IT?
OKAY--MING'LL BE COMING OUT OF HER ECONOMICS CLASS AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY IN A FEW MINUTES.
GEEZ--EXCUSE ME, BUDDY!
MAYBE SHE WON'T KILL ME TOTALLY IF I GROVEL AND EXPLAIN THAT I WAS...

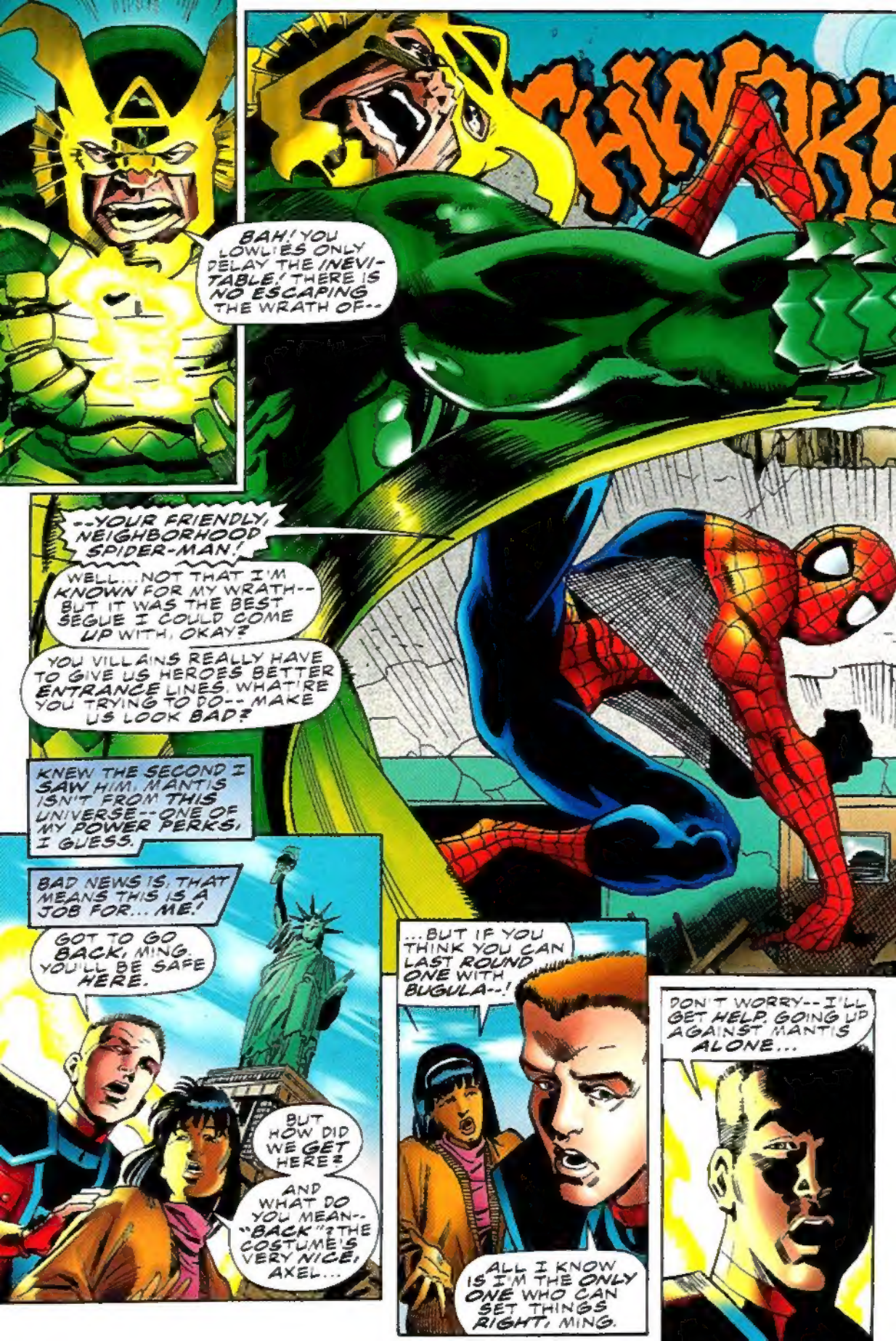

...KIND OF OUTSIDE THE LOCAL CALLING AREA, MING. SORRY I'M A LITTLE LATE...
A LITTLE?
YOU'RE RIGHT--NO EXCUSE. BUT I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU--I KNOW THIS GREAT CHINESE RESTAURANT.
THE ONE MY PARENTS OWN?
IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF GROVELING, AXEL?
WELL, CONSIDERING MY LIMITED BUDGET--YES!
DAMMIT, AXEL! I KNOW YOU'RE NOT CAPABLE OF STAYING IN ONE PLACE... OR COMMITTING TO ANYTHING...OR ANYONE...
BUT WHEN YOU DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A WORD FOR TWO DAYS--!
TWO... DAYS?
HMM...SOUNDS FAMILIAR!
UM, LISTEN, MING--I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...IN HERE...
WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO BE A FLY ON THE WALL IN THERE, PETER? OR A SPIDER, IN YOUR CASE?
OH...I THINK OUR LIVES ARE ENOUGH OF A TANGLED WEB AS IT IS, MARY JANE!
EMPTY. GOOD.
OKAY. THIS IS GOING TO SOUND PRETTY UNBELIEVABLE, MING. BUT--
AXEL. I'VE SEEN GALACTUS. THE HULK USED TO LAND NEAR OUR RESTAURANT ALL THE TIME. I LIVED THROUGH THE ONSLAUGHT. I'M A NEW YORKER.
NOTHING SURPRISES ME.

YEAH, WELL-- THAT'S WHAT I USED TO THINK, TOO. THEN I MET THIS... BUM, AND HIS BOX...
"...WHICH WAS KIND OF A SYMBOLIC BARRIER BETWEEN HERE AND THIS OTHER... UNIVERSE.
"A UNIVERSE FILLED WITH DYNAMIC CHARACTERS EVERY BIT AS AMAZING AS OUR MARVELS!
"TROUBLE WAS, THE TWO UNIVERSES MERGED. EVEN PEOPLE COMBINED... BECAME AMALGAMS!
"WE FIXED IT, OF COURSE--BUT THEN THE BUM DIED AND GAVE ME HIS POWERS... GAVE ME ACCESS TO THESE PLACES.
"I'M THE KEEPER OF THE AMALGAM UNIVERSE, TOO--BUT THAT'S KIND OF A DIFFERENT STORY.
"THE IMPORTANT THING IS, ANY TIME SOMEONE SLIPS FROM ONE UNIVERSE TO THE OTHER, IT'S UP TO ME TO PUT THEM BACK.
"IF I DON'T... EVERYTHING COULD BECOME AMALGAMATED AGAIN. EVERYTHING WE KNOW WOULD CHANGE FOREVER.
"IT KEEPS ME PRETTY BUSY SOMETIMES. I HOPE THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING."


IT'S ANOTHER WOMAN, ISN'T IT?
WHAT?!
NO! THAT'S, UM... YOU KNOW... I MEAN...
YOU'RE A LOUSY LIAR, AXEL.
MING--!
WELL, THERE WAS CAITLIN FITZGERALD IN THAT OTHER UNIVERSE.
I WENT OUT WITH FITZ A FEW TIMES, BUT...
OKAY--THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE. BUT I WANDERED THROUGH HER LIFE JUST LIKE I'VE WANDERED THROUGH EVERY RELATIONSHIP I'VE EVER HAD.
TRUTH IS, THE ONLY PERSON I'VE EVER COME BACK TO--THE ONLY PERSON I'VE EVER WANTED TO STAY WITH--IS YOU.
YOU'RE MY ANCHOR, MING.
IF I'VE LOST YOU... THEN I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.

ACTUALLY... I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS TOO PRACTICAL... TOO DOWN-TO-EARTH. I ALWAYS LOVED YOUR CARE-FREE ATTITUDE, AXEL.
MAYBE... MAYBE WE BOTH NEED TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER TO BRIDGE OUR TWO WORLDS.
I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, MING-- SWEAR! OR MAY GOD STRIKE ME DOWN!
KROOM
BEHOLD, LOWLY INSECTS-- A GOD HAS COME TO YOUR ANTHILL VILLAGE!
TREMBLE AND FLEE AT THE SIGHT OF THE MIGHTY MANTIS!

AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
PETER--?
YOU OKAY, MING?
GUESS THE WRONG GOD HEARD ME, HUH?
WELL, HE MADE HIS POINT! HE CAN GO NOW!
THE DRONE OF LOWLIES BEHIND ME?
AH--MY TARGET! AND A LOVELY ONE YOU ARE--FOR A MORTAL WOMAN!
ME?!?
THIS HAS GOT TO BE A MISTAKE! I DON'T HAVE ANY ENEMIES! I DON'T EVEN HAVE A BAD CREDIT RATING!
YOU TRY TO REASON WITH HIM, MING...
B-ZOK
...I'LL TRY TO SAVE OUR LIVES!


THWOK!
BAH! YOU LOWLIES ONLY DELAY THE INEVITABLE! THERE IS NO ESCAPING THE WRATH OF--
--YOUR FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
WELL...NOT THAT I'M KNOWN FOR MY WRATH--BUT IT WAS THE BEST SEGUE I COULD COME UP WITH, OKAY?
YOU VILLAINS REALLY HAVE TO GIVE US HEROES BETTER ENTRANCE LINES. WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO--MAKE US LOOK BAD?
KNEW THE SECOND I SAW HIM, MANTIS ISN'T FROM THIS UNIVERSE--ONE OF MY POWER PERKS, I GUESS.
BAD NEWS IS, THAT MEANS THIS IS A JOB FOR... ME!
GOT TO GO BACK, MING. YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE.
BUT HOW DID WE GET HERE?
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN--"BACK"? THE COSTUME'S VERY NICE, AXEL...
...BUT IF YOU THINK YOU CAN LAST ROUND ONE WITH BUGULA--!
ALL I KNOW IS I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SET THINGS RIGHT, MING.
DON'T WORRY--I'LL GET HELP. GOING UP AGAINST MANTIS ALONE...

"...WOULD BE SUICIDE!"
GHEK!
HUHK!
YOU... YOU CAN SURRENDER... ANY TIME... NOW...
HA! YOUR LIFE-ENERGY IS STRONGER THAN EXPECTED, LITTLE MAN! I WILL ENJOY DRINKING IT IN!
SPWOPP!
INSUFFERABLE GNAT! BY THE TIME I REMOVE THIS TANGLE, YOU WILL BE FROZEN DEAD FROM MY THERMAL TOUCH!
Y'KNOW--NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T HAVE MUCH LIFE-ENERGY TO SPARE RIGHT NOW.
HOW 'BOUT WEBBING? THINK I GOT LOTS OF WEBBING!
NO CAN DO, MANT M'MAN--I'M ALREADY WAY TOO COOL!
FRZZZH!
FRZZZH!
MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT A DAY... PUNCH THE CLOCK...HEAD HOME TO MRS. MANTIS AND THE LITTLE LARVAE...
OR SUMMON MY PARTNER!
NO, THAT'S A BAD IDEA...IN MY OPINION, AT LEAST. BUT JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHO IS YOUR--

JUGGERNAUT!
C'MON, FELLAS--TALK ABOUT OVERKILL! I'M JUST ONE GUY! ONE SKINNY GUY! IT'S NOT LIKE I'M THOR!
BUT I BET I'M THOR WHEN THIS IS OVER!
ZZAM!
NAH--YOU'LL BE DEAD!
NGH!
PERFECT, MY UNSTOPPABLE ALLY! THE ARACHNID COULD NOT AVOID BOTH YOUR CHARGE AND MY ENERGY-BLAST!
LOOKS LIKE YOU ONLY DONE HALF THE JOB, PAL--THE WALL-CRAWLER'S STILL KICKIN'!
THAT'LL CHANGE! GRAB AN END, MANTIS...
...AN' MAKE A WISH! WHOEVER GETS THE BIGGEST HALF GETS THEIRS!
HEY! WAIT! ANYONE WANNA KNOW MY WISH? GIVE YOU THREE GUESSES--

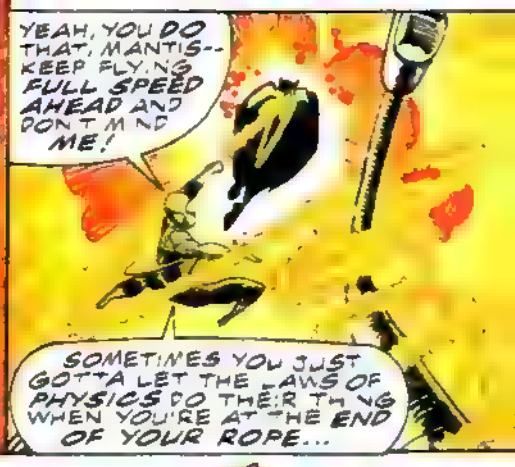
LET HIM GO!
CLOSE ENOUGH-- AND ON THE FIRST GUESS, TOO! YOU'RE VERY GOOD! ACTUALLY, YOU'RE BETTER THAN THAT, YOU'RE--
WONDER WOMAN!
SEE, MANTIS? NOW THAT'S AN ENTRANCE LINE! MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO HOME PRACTICE.
...LEAVE ME HERE..
WAP!
I SHALL DIG YOUR GRAVE BEFORE I LEAVE LITTLE--
EH?
THAT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU...
..CONSIDERING HE WON'T NEED IT FOR SOME TIME!
THANKS, WONDERFUL ONE--I'LL GET IT FROM HERE! JUST LET ME...
..RUN OUT OF WEB-FLUID?
UH-OH
PWIP
PWIP

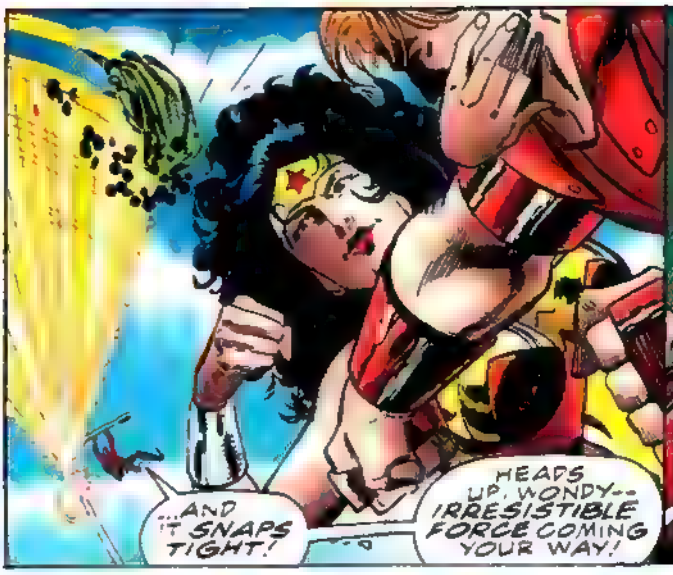
YOU PACK SOME PUNCH, SISTER ..
..LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN GET AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE!
KRAK
WOO
OOM
I CAN DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, VILLAIN..
..TO STOP YOU!
HEH. THAT ALMOST HURT
BUT I GUESS YOU AIN'T HEARD.
...NOTHIN' STOPS THE JUGGERNAUT!

SO HOW COME I ALWAYS FIGHT THE GREEN GUYS HUH?
WELL, TECHNICALLY, A SPIDER IS NOT AN INSECT, BUT I KNOW-- YOU'RE STRESSED OUT WORLD DOMINATION ISN'T GOING AS PLANNED, WHATEVER
IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER-- I'VE BEATEN MEANER, GREENER, MEN THAN YOU!
BUG! YOU WILL NEVER DEFEAT ME! ON APOKOLIPS I AM SECOND IN POWER ONLY TO DARKSEID HIMSELF!
THAT'S FASCINATING-- IF I HAD ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
VULTURE... SCORPION... LIZARD. GREEN GOBLIN--BIG SURPRISE. DOC OCK--HE WORE GREEN ALL THE TIME..
IS GREEN LIKE, THE COLOR OF EVIL AND NO ONE TOLD ME? AND HOW DOES THE HULK FIT IN OR GREEN ACRES, OR KERMIT, OR--
SHUT UP! SHUT UP YOU ANNOYING INSECT!
ME--I'M MORE INTERESTED IN ALL THE EXPERIMENT. LET'S SEE IF THIS ROPE IS
.. AS UNBREAKABLE AS I THINK IT IS/ NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE YOUR THERMAL TOUCH, MANTY, BUT. .
..WELL OKAY--I DON'T LIKE YOUR THERMAL TOUCH, THE POINT IS--
WAITAMINNIT-- ACCESS?!? DON'T TELL ME THIS GOON'S FROM THAT DIFFERENT CONTINUUM UNIVERSE AND YOU'RE HERE TO TAKE HIM BACK!
MEANING--PLEASE TELL ME THAT!

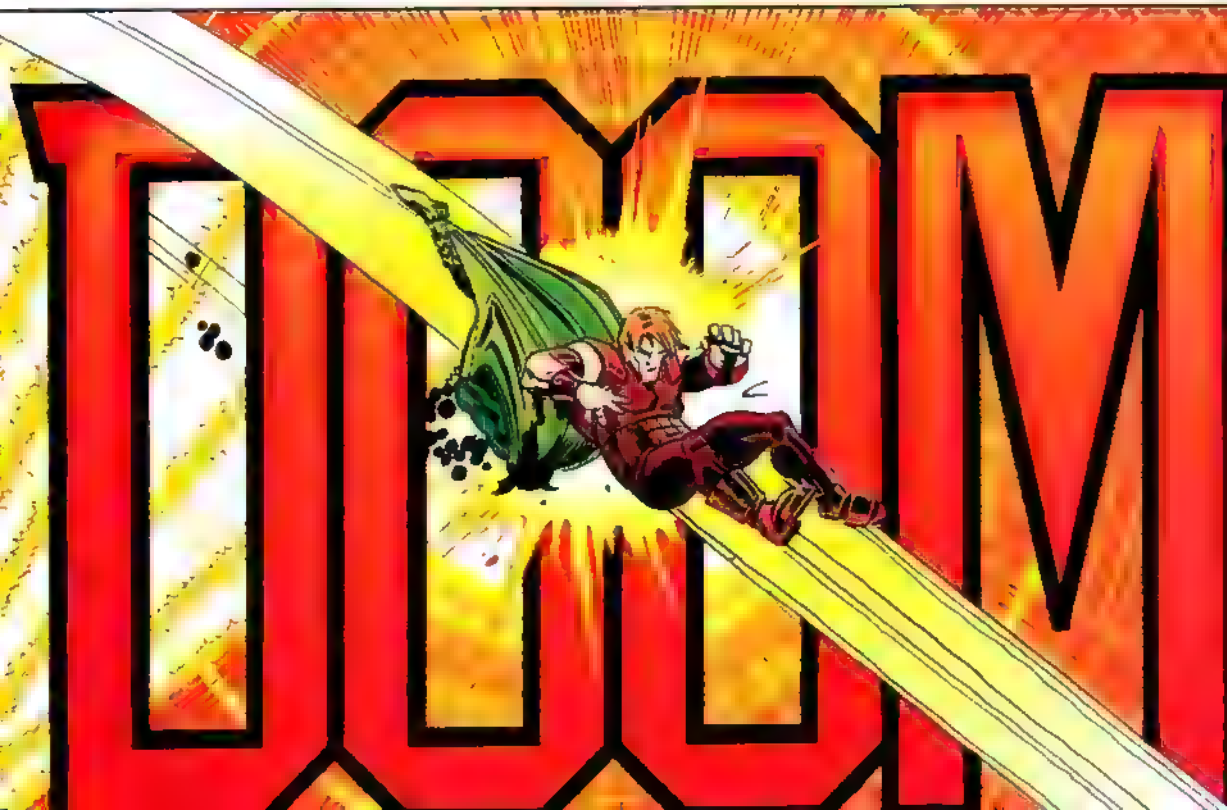
WELL, UM... THINGS MIGHT NOT BE THAT EASY...
...SINCE I CAN'T LOCATE EXACTLY WHERE IN THE OTHER UNIVERSE MANTIS CAME FROM.
THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. HOW CAN I TELL THEM THAT THE ONE THING I CAN DO-- I CAN'T!
FEH! LET US END THIS CHILDISH GAME --NOW!
GOOD IDEA! SURE-- FLY AROUND THE PARK A FEW TIMES, TAKE IN THE SIGHTS, THEN GIVE UP!
I GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT!
ON THEMISCYRA WE WERE TAUGHT OPPONENTS ARE MOST VULNERABLE WHERE THEY ARE MOST ARMORED!
KLANK
YEAH--NOW I'M SCARED. NOW IT'D TAKE ATOMIC BOMBS TO SLOW ME DOWN. GOT A COUPLE OF THOSE IN YOUR SEXY LITTLE ONE-PIECE?
FACE IT, BABE--I'M MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE! I GOT YOU UP AGAINST THE WALL...
KRAMM
...AN' YOU'RE GOIN' THROUGH IT!

MY PATIENCE IS AT AN END! AN ANTI-MATTER CHARGE SHOULD DESTROY EVEN THIS TEMPERED CORD!


YEAH, YOU DO THAT, MANTIS-- KEEP FLYING FULL SPEED AHEAD AND DON'T MIND ME!
SOMETIMES YOU JUST GOTTA LET THE LAWS OF PHYSICS DO THEIR THING WHEN YOU'RE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE...


...AND IT SNAPS TIGHT!
HEADS UP, WONDY-- IRRESISTIBLE FORCE COMING YOUR WAY!

THROK!
THEN I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO COUNTER IT WITH AN UNMOVABLE OBJECT...
...OR SOMEONE JUST AS DENSE!


DOOM

WHOA-- NICE JOB! WONDERFUL, EVEN!
AND THAT'S ONE TOUGH LENGTH OF LARIAT YOU GOT THERE! WHAT IS IT-- ADAMANTIUM?
ENCHANTED.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS-- ADAMANTIUM.
INDESTRUCTIBLE METAL. DOESN'T EXIST IN YOUR UNIVERSE--BUT YOU'VE GOT PROMETHIUM, SO IT KIND OF EVENS OUT
THANKS FOR HELPING, WONDER WOMAN--
PLEASE, CALL ME DIANA.
OKAY-- DIANA. I KNOW THINGS HAPPENED PRETTY FAST...
I WAS ZIG-ZAGGING THE 'VERSES LOOKING FOR HELP. COULDN'T FIND GREEN LANTERN*...SILVER SURFER...
*AS WE SAW BACK IN GREEN LANTERN #87!
GOOD THING YOU WEREN'T REALLY DEAD-- AND ALREADY KNEW ME FROM THE JLA/X-MEN MEETING HUH?*
DEAD? X-MEN? I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. ACCESS
ALL I KNEW WAS THAT YOU SINCERELY NEEDED HELP. I'M QUITE CERTAIN WE'VE NEVER MET BE--
*IN LAST YEAR'S ALL ACCESS LIMITED SERIES --TOM
ZZAM
GODS!

UM .. YOU DID THAT-- RIGHT-- ACCESS?
I.. I DON'T THINK IT WAS ME BUT.
...BUT I DON'T SENSE THEM IN THIS UNIVERSE, SO MAYBE--
MAYBE I BETTER SCOUT ABOUT, JUST IN CASE.
SAY, UM, DIANA-- ANY WAY I COULD SWING AROUND TOWN ON THAT ROPE OF YOURS? Y KNOW, JUST 'T LL I GET MORE WEB FLUID?
WELL-- CONSIDERING HOW YOU FARED AGAINST A GOD FROM APOKOLIPS -- GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO EARN THE USE OF MY LASSO
...BY BESTING ME IN A WRESTLING MATCH-- IF YOU'RE INTERESTED?
YOU? ME? WRESTLING? INTERESTED?
IS THIS A TRICK QUESTION?
'SCUSE ME --ANYONE SEEN MY HUSBAND, PETER PARKER?
HE'S ONLY MARRIED TO A BEAUTIFUL EX-MODEL, SO I BET HE ISN'T DROOLING OVER MS. AMAZON HERE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
EEP!
THEN AGAIN--IT'S EASY TO WALK IN THIS CITY HEALTHY, TOO!
AND WALL-CRAWLING'S JUST LIKE WALKING EXCEPT--
--UM...VERTICAL!
SO I'M GONNA DO THE HEALTHY THING--AND GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT A STRANGE STRANGE MAN..
NOT AS STRANGE AS THINGS'LL GET IF YOU STAY HERE TOO LONG, DIANA. TIME TO GO HOME...

...WHICH MEANS RETURNING HER TO THE EXACT SPOT WHERE I FOUND HER. SIMPLE--
--THANKS TO MY INFA--IBLE ACCESS-ABILITY.
UGH! THAT PUN'S SO BAD I ACTUALLY FEEL QUEASY!
HOPE I DIDN'T PULL YOU AWAY FROM ANYTHING IMPORTANT, DIANA
NOT AT ALL. ACCESS I WAS ON THE COAST BECAUSE I HAD THIS WILD IDEA FOR AN AIRPLANE, BUT I BETTER GET BACK TO BOSTON...
I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET MY HAIR DONE--AND IF I'M LATE, MY FRIEND, MAY, WILL KILL ME!
AND BEFORE I CAN OFFER TO TELEPORT HER --SHE'S GONE.
I NEED TO HEAD BACK, TOO--BUT I'D LIKE TO GET SOMETHING FOR MING FIRST.
Sale
SOMETHING I CAN'T GET HER IN THE OTHER UNIVERSE --LIKE MAYBE A TECHNO-TRENDY LEXCORP WRISTWA--
--WHAT?!?
OH, NO! DON'T TELL ME THIS IS SAN FRANCISCO! THE WAY THE GROUND'S SHAKING, THIS MUST BE
KRODOM

...AN EARTHQUAKE...
RUN!
IT'S A MONSTER!
AAA--!
OR.. THE HULK? WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
WELL, FIXING IT WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW SECONDS, SO I START WALKING TOWARD HIM LUCKY IT HAPPENED WHILE I'M IN THE AREA...
DON'T WORRY, EVERYONE--I KNOW THIS GUY! HE WON'T HURT YOU! HE'S ONE OF THE SMARTEST MEN ON EARTH!
JUST NOT THIS EARTH
I MEAN HE WAS STUPID AND SAVAGE ONCE, BUT THAT WAS
WHERE IS HULK? HOW DID HULK GET HERE? HULK IS ANGRY!
...A LONG TIME AGO.

HULK SMASH!
KREESH!
OH, GREAT. DR. BANNER'S REVERTED TO THE MINDLESS MONSTER HE WAS YEARS AGO!
FORGET GETTING HIM BACK TO HIS UNIVERSE--IF WONDER WOMAN ISN'T STILL AROUND, I MIGHT NOT SURVIVE THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!
LITTLE MAN CALLED HULK STUPID! HULK IS NOT STUPID!
MAKE THAT FIVE SECONDS.
I, UH, UM, ER--
BUT IF LITTLE MAN IS SMART--LITTLE MAN WILL HELP HULK!
OH! UM.. AH-ACTUALLY --I CAN...
..H-HELP GET YOU HOME?
HOME YES
NO TRICKS
NO 'COURSE NOT! NO PLACE LIKE HOME, RIGHT? NO PLACE LIKE...
...UM.
TOO NERVOUS! CAN'T CONCENTRATE!
I'M HISTORY.
HULK SAID NO TRICKS--!
TIMES LIKE THIS, THEY SAY YOUR LIFE FLASHES BEFORE YOUR EYES
ALL I SEE IS THIS BIG, GREEN FIST.

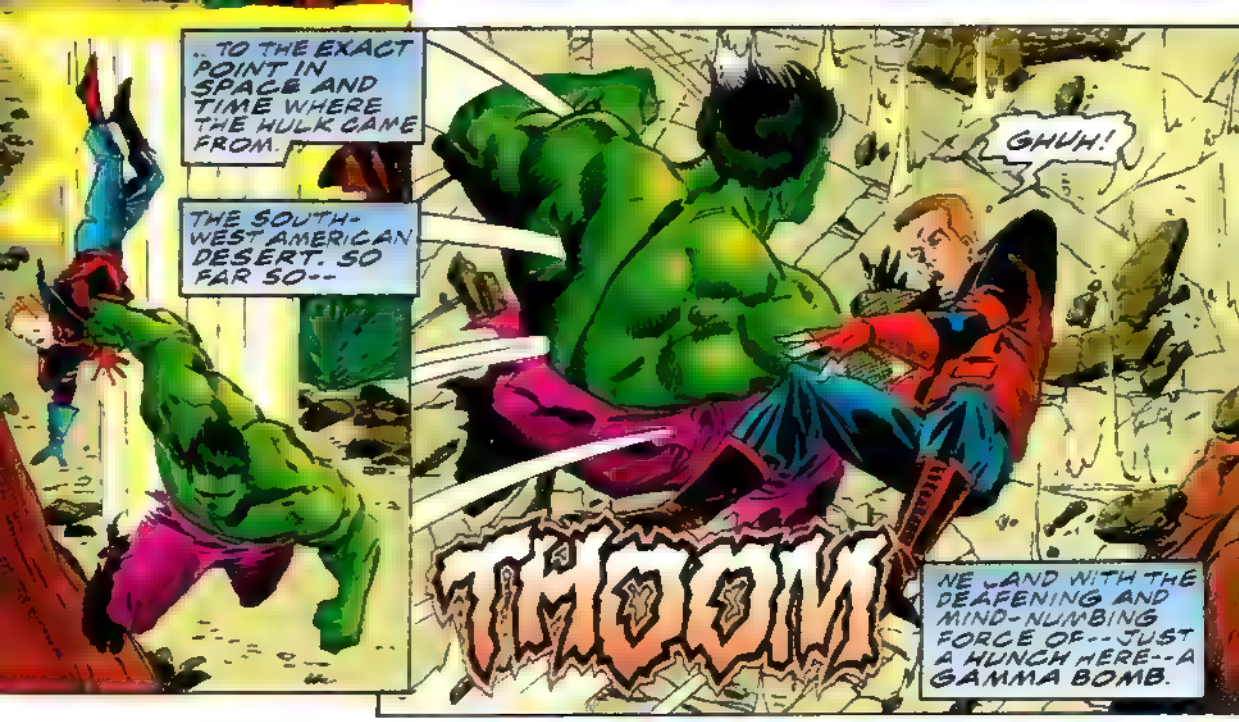
YAAW!
DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, PAL-- BUT I'M THE LAW IN THESE PARTS WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
COME TO COAST CITY LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, YOU'LL FIND YOU'RE UP AGAINST THE POWER RING OF--
--GREEN LANTERN!
HMRG!
HULK NO TROUBLE. HULK WILL LEAVE...
GREAT GUARDIANS-- WHAT A LEAP! BETTER GET AFTER HIM BEFORE--
GREEN.. LANTERN?
THIS IS CRAZY. THIS CAN'T BE. NOT ONLY IS THIS GUY NOT GREEN LANTERN ANY MORE...
YES
YOU OKAY, SON?

..THIS GUY IS DEAD!
KARA
KOOM
KNOK
HULK WILL LEAVE--WHEN HULK IS READY TO LEAVE!
MAYBE RING MAN LEAVE.
RUN AWAY FROM HULK LIKE ALL THE REST!
CRASH
I DON'T RUN, HULK --I'M NOT YELLOW!
RGH?
LOOKS LIKE THIS TOWN ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US!

MY MIND'S SPINNING--AND NOT JUST FROM THE LATEST CLASH OF TITANS.
NOTHING MAKES SENSE. THE SAVAGE HULK. THE WRONG GREEN LANTERN. IT'S ALMOST LIKE I WENT...
...BACK IN TIME?
NO, NO, THAT HEADLINE CAN'T BE RIGHT. IT WOULD MEAN...
COAST CITY NEWS
4th ANNIVERSARY
DEATH OF FLASH
Green Lantern Rememb
...IT WOULD MEAN WE'RE ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY FROM THE DEATH OF SUPERMAN, AND THEN... AFTER THAT...
BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY THINGS FIT. I'M IN THE PAST.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET BACK...
...AND IT'S A SURE BET NO ONE'S LOOKING FOR ME!
KREKK!
RING MAN NOT STOP HULK!
HULK IS THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!
GUARDIANS!

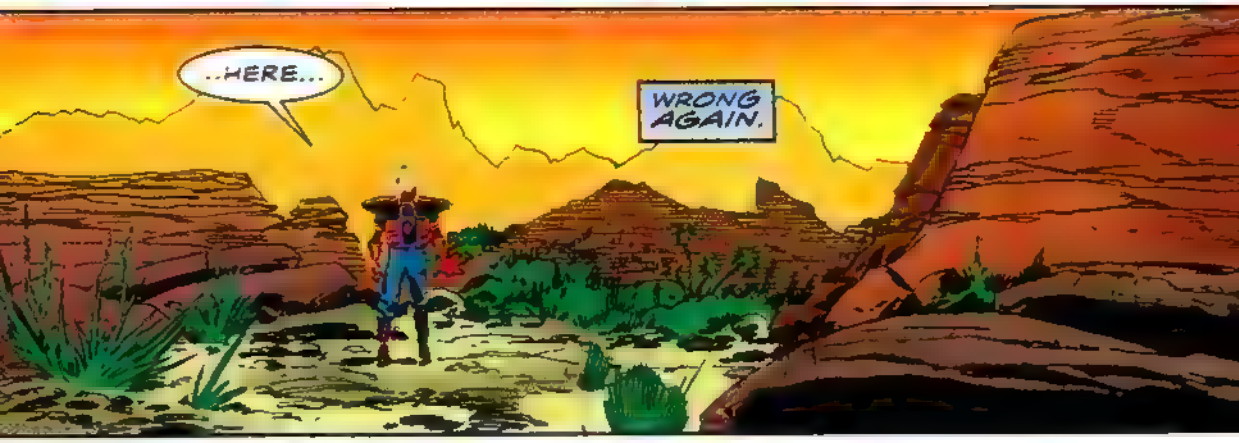
WHAT ARE YOU-- SOME BIZARRO VERSION OF J'ONN J'ONZ?
YOU'RE STRONG, HULK-- MAYBE THE STRONGEST I'VE EVER FACED-- BUT IF YOU THINK YOU'RE THE MEANEST GREENEST THING THERE IS
...YOU'RE FLAT WRONG!
THOOOM!
FINALLY
SO--CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE SON?
I'M...I'M NOT SO SURE MYSELF, ANYMORE.
WELL THE IMPORTANT THING IS EVERYONE'S ALL RIGHT.
TOO MANY GOOD PEOPLE HAVE DIED LATELY-- BUT NOT IN MY TOWN. I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT THAT!
I THINK OF THE FUTURE DESTRUCTION OF COAST CITY, AND WHAT IT DOES TO THIS GREAT MAN. MAYBE.. MAYBE I CAN PREVENT THAT...
LANTERN--?

BEFORE I CAN SAY ANOTHER WORD, LANTERN'S DISSIPATING HIS BUILDING-SIZED BARNEY BEFORE IT DOES A TOKYO ON THE CITY.
AND I'M SUDDENLY IN THE HANDS OF A VERY DIFFERENT EMERALD AVENGER.
LITTLE MAN SAID HE'D GET HULK HOME!
THAT'S WHAT LITTLE MAN WILL DO!
RAHRRG!
GET OFF HULK BIG LIZARD!
PUT HIM DOWN, HULK, OR--
IT'S OKAY, LANTERN! I... I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL!
I HOPE...
I OPEN A PORTAL, FOLLOWING MY INSTINCTS--PRAYING IT'LL TAKE US BACK...


..TO THE EXACT POINT IN SPACE AND TIME WHERE THE HULK CAME FROM.
THE SOUTH-WEST AMERICAN DESERT. SO FAR SO--
GHUH!
THOOM
WE LAND WITH THE DEAFENING AND MIND-NUMBING FORCE OF--JUST A HUNCH HERE--A GAMMA BOMB.

AND I WAS ALREADY HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE FIGURING OUT WHAT YEAR IT WAS.
HOME.
GOOD.
ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER I'LL REMIND HIM HE SHOULD SPARE MY LIFE NOW--AS SOON AS THINGS STOP SPINNING.

HULK WILL GO NOW
WHA--?
WAIT! YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE ME...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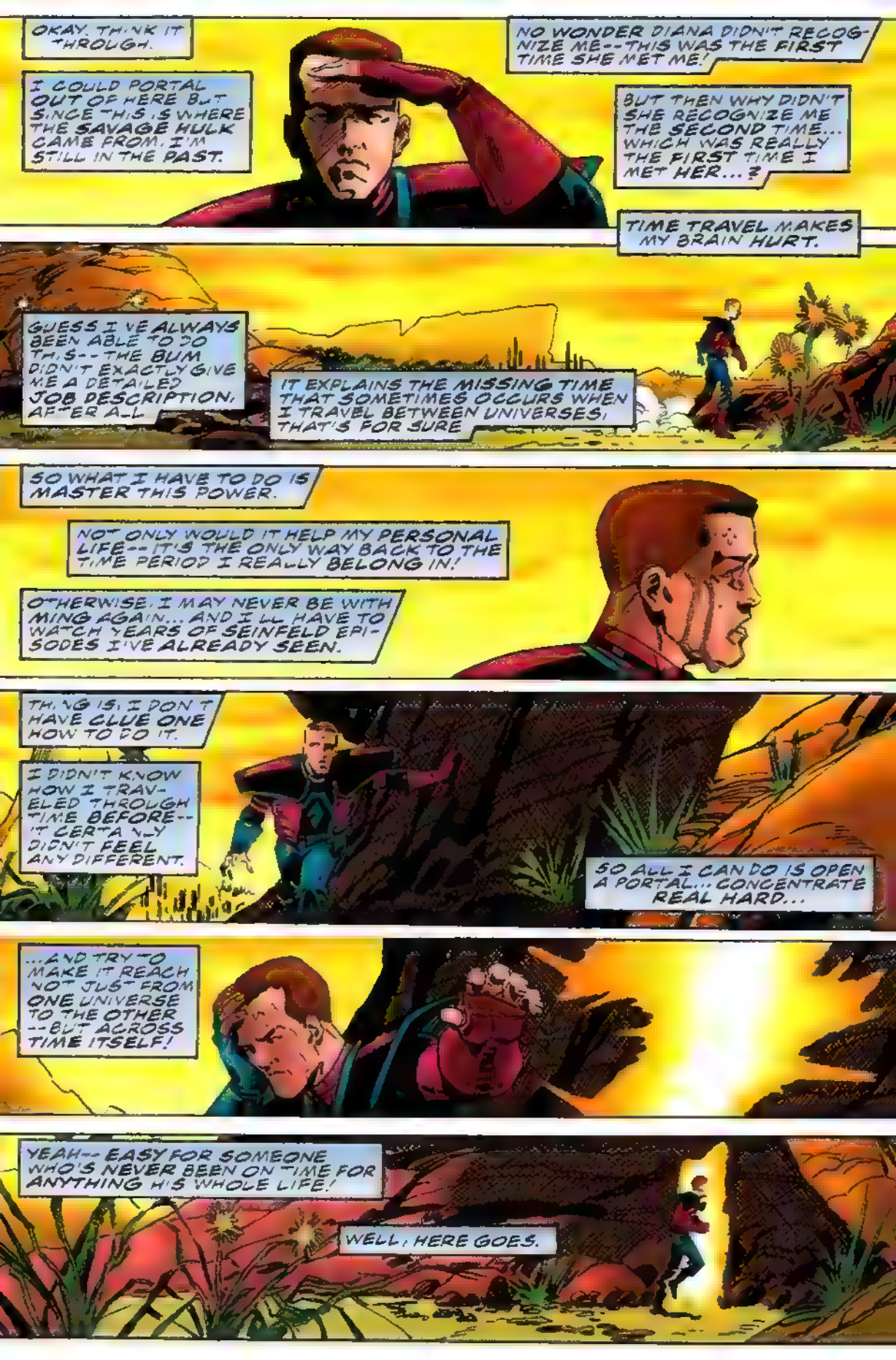
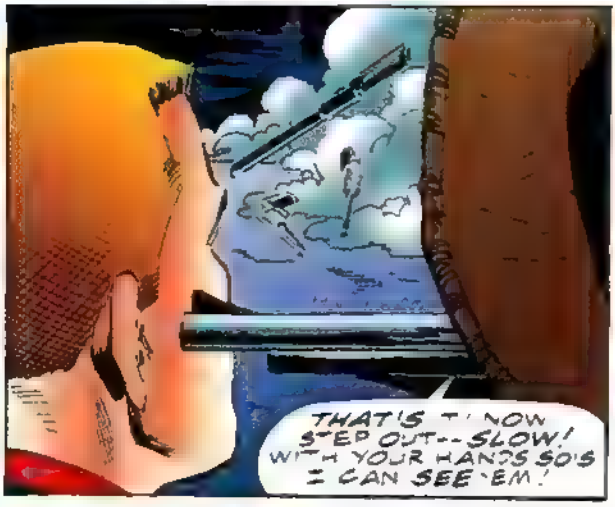

OKAY. THINK IT THROUGH.
I COULD PORTAL OUT OF HERE BUT SINCE THIS IS WHERE THE SAVAGE HULK CAME FROM, I'M STILL IN THE PAST.
NO WONDER DIANA DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME--THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE MET ME!
BUT THEN WHY DIDN'T SHE RECOGNIZE ME THE SECOND TIME... WHICH WAS REALLY THE FIRST TIME I MET HER...?
TIME TRAVEL MAKES MY BRAIN HURT.
GUESS I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS--THE BUM DIDN'T EXACTLY GIVE ME A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION, AFTER ALL.
IT EXPLAINS THE MISSING TIME THAT SOMETIMES OCCURS WHEN I TRAVEL BETWEEN UNIVERSES, THAT'S FOR SURE.
SO WHAT I HAVE TO DO IS MASTER THIS POWER.
NOT ONLY WOULD IT HELP MY PERSONAL LIFE--IT'S THE ONLY WAY BACK TO THE TIME PERIOD I REALLY BELONG IN!
OTHERWISE, I MAY NEVER BE WITH MING AGAIN... AND I'LL HAVE TO WATCH YEARS OF SEINFELD EPISODES I'VE ALREADY SEEN.
THING IS, I DON'T HAVE CLUE ONE HOW TO DO IT.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I TRAVELED THROUGH TIME BEFORE--IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.
SO ALL I CAN DO IS OPEN A PORTAL... CONCENTRATE REAL HARD...
...AND TRY TO MAKE IT REACH NOT JUST FROM ONE UNIVERSE TO THE OTHER--BUT ACROSS TIME ITSELF!
YEAH--EASY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER BEEN ON TIME FOR ANYTHING HIS WHOLE LIFE!
WELL, HERE GOES.

.. NOTHING
CLOSE TO NOTHING, AT LEAST
FEEL A LITTLE DIZZY-- AND IT'S NIGHT, SO I MUST'VE MOVED A FEW HOURS, BUT I WAS HOPING TO JUMP A LOT...
.FARTHER?
NNG!
HEY--THAT WAS SOME FALL!
YOU OKAY? ANYTHING I CAN DO?
YES, AMIGO--YOU CAN STAND STILL AS A DEAD MAN--OR YOU CAN BE ONE!

HA! LISTEN UP, BOUNTY HUNTER--I GOT ME A HOSTAGE!
YOU TRY ANYTHIN 'CEPT THROWIN' OUT YOUR FIREARMS RIGHT NOW--THIS BOY'S LAST MEAL'S HOT LEAD!


THAT'S IT! NOW STEP OUT--SLOW! WITH YOUR HANDS SO'S I CAN SEE 'EM!

NO REASON TUH GIT YORESELF RILED, SMALLEY--WE'LL PLAY OUT THIS HAND YORE WAY!
I GET THIS SINKING FEELING I'VE BEEN A LOT MORE SUCCESSFUL TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME THAN I THOUGHT.

BUT SEEIN' AS HOW YORE WORTH THE SAME TUH ME ALIVE 'R DEAD...
AS THE GRAY FIGURE STEPS INTO THE MOONLIGHT, I'M POSITIVE. AFTER ALL, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO MISTAKING THE FACE OF...

...AH RECKON IT'S ONLY FAIR TUH GIVE YUH ONE LAST CHANCE TUH SURRENDAH.
...JONAH HEX--THE MOST INFAMOUS BOUNTY HUNTER IN THE DAYS OF THE OLD WEST!

THAT MEANS I TRAVELED OVER A HUNDRED YEARS-- IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!

SURRENDER? NAH, HEX-- I WAS THINKIN' MORE LIKE I'D PLUG YA BOTH!

..AND BETTER.

THINGS JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER...

NOW, THET'S JUST DOWNRIGHT...

..MEAN...

...AN' UNPROFITABLE!

...ORNERY..

KICHOW

KICHOW

HGK!

PAW

BULLETS FLY, MY NAME ISN'T ON ANY OF THEM, BUT THEY COME CLOSE ENOUGH THAT I'M THINKING THEY LEARNED IT AND MIGHT TELL THEIR FRIENDS.

FOR NOW I'M ALIVE--DEAF, MAYBE, BUT ALIVE

SORRY TUH MIX YUH UP IN THIS ROUGH BUSINESS, SUH

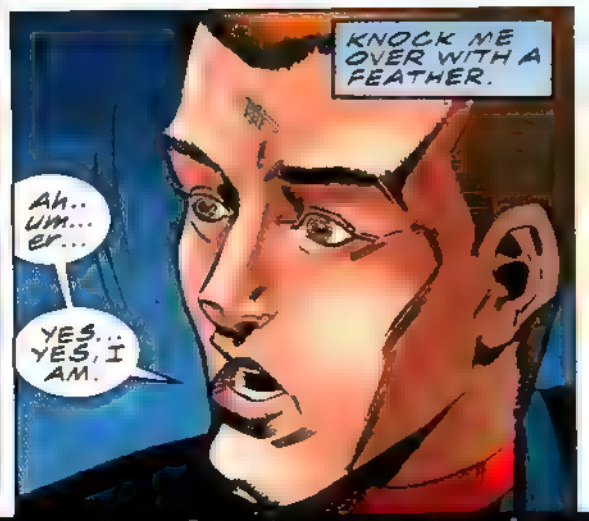
AH TAKE IT THERE'S A CIRCUS IN TOWN?

I KNOW THERE'S A JUDGE!

MADE A BIG MISTAKE KILLIN' THAT MAN PARDNER --'CAUSE YOU DID IT ALL WITHIN EYESHOT OF THE TWO-GUN KID!
MUH MISTAKE--AIN'T A CIRCUS PASSIN' THROUGH. MUST BE ONE O' THEM JACKASS WILD WEST SHOWS!
GUESS AH'M GETTIN' MUH BEAUTY SLEEP IF'N YUH DON'T RECOGNIZE ME, "TWO-GUN"-- BUT AH'M JONAH HEX...
.. AN' PETE SMALLEY WAS WANTED IN THREE STATES FER BUTCHERIN' EIGHT LADIES. THERE'S A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD ON HIM THET AH AIM TUH COLLECT!
AIN'T NEVER HEARD OF PETE SMALLEY... AND AIN'T NEVER HEARD OF YOU, JONAH
FROM WHERE I STAND THAT MAKES YOU A LIAR AND A MURDERER AND HALF A STEP FROM DEAD IF YOU AIN'T CAREFUL!
RECKON YORE FASTER THAN ME, SUH?
RECKON WE'LL FIND OUT!

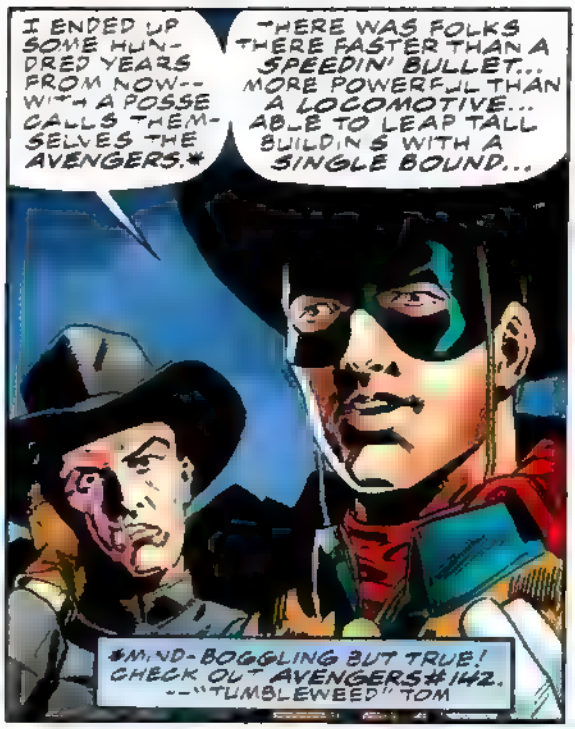
I CAN'T JUST WATCH! THESE ARE TWO OF THE GREATEST GUN-FIGHTERS IN THE WORLD--JUST NOT THE SAME WORLD!
WAIT! DON'T! I CAN EXPLAIN--
WHAT? THESE GUYS'VE NEVER SEEN A MAN FLY--EVEN IN AN AIRPLANE--NO WAY THEY'LL BELIEVE I'M FROM THE--

MIGHTY FANCY DUDS YOU GOT THERE, STRANGER
WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE FROM THE FUTURE, NOW, WOULD YOU?


KNOCK ME OVER WITH A FEATHER.
AH.. UM... ER...
YES... YES, I AM.

WELL, THEN--I ASSUME TH'S HERE S ALL A B'G MISUNDERSTANDIN'!
HOPE YOU'LL ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES, MR HEX.
YORE--?

AH ACCEPT YORE PLUM LOCO, SUH--BOTH O' YUH!
AND I DON'T BLAME YOU--BUT I'VE SEEN IT, MR HEX. I'VE BEEN THERE.
THE FUTURE, I MEAN


I ENDED UP SOME HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW--WITH A POSSE CALLS THEMSELVES THE AVENGERS.*
THERE WAS FOLKS THERE FASTER THAN A SPEEDIN' BULLET... MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE... ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS WITH A SINGLE BOUND...
*MIND-BOGGLING BUT TRUE! CHECK OUT AVENGERS#142. --"TUMBLEWEED" TOM

THAT'S NOT ALL.
YOU'RE FROM AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT UNIVERSE, TWO-GUN! THAT'S WHY YOU AND JONAH NEVER HEARD OF EACH OTHER BEFORE!
AND IT WOULD SURELY EXPLAIN THAT BRIGHT LIGHT I SAW JUST BEFORE MEET'N' UP HERE!
I HOPE YOUR NEXT REVELATION INCLUDES HOW TO GET ME HOME, MISTER--!

ACCESS
AND YOU STEP THROUGH HERE--YOU'LL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE THIS ALL BEGAN, TWO-GUN.

MUCH OBLIGED, MR. ACCESS.
YOU SEE HAWKEYE --PLEASE TELL HIM HOWDY FROM ME.
MR. HEX-- IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE.

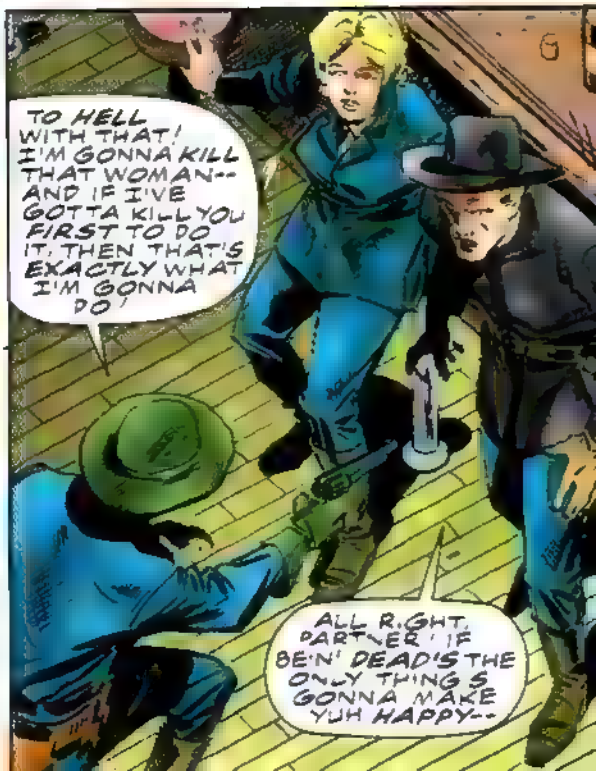
DON'T KNOW 'BOUT YOU, SUH...
BUT AH NEED A DRINK!

--SEEN MUH SHARE O' STRANGE SIGHTS, I TELL YUH-- BUT TIME TRAVEL? TUH THE FUTURE?
WELL--DON'T KNOCK IT 'TIL YOU'VE TRIED IT, JONAH.
ME--I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK THERE. IT'S JUST ABOUT ALL I CAN THINK ABOU--

JONAH!
EMMY?
THANK HEAVEN I'VE FOUND YOU! HE'S AFTER ME, JONAH! HE'S--

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU PIG-TAILED TRAMP! I'M AFTER YOU... AND THIS TIME THERE'S NO PLACE TO RUN!

MISTER--IF'N YORE BOUND AN' DETERMINED TUH KEEP ON WAVIN' THET GUN AROUND, AH RECOMMEND YUH COME BACK HERE WHEN I'M IN A MORE FORGIVIN' MOOD!


TO HELL WITH THAT! I'M GONNA KILL THAT WOMAN-- AND IF I'VE GOTTA KILL YOU FIRST TO DO IT, THEN THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GONNA DO!
ALL RIGHT, PARTNER! IF BE'IN' DEAD'S THE ONLY THING'S GONNA MAKE YUH HAPPY--

I TRY TO THINK HOW TO HEAD OFF ANY BLOODSHED-- MOSTLY BECAUSE I'M SURE IT WON'T BE JONAH'S...
...THEN I SEE THE BARTENDER'S FRIEND--AND NO ONE ELSE DOES.
HANG ON, JONAH!
I DO THE ONLY THING I CAN.
WE TUMBLE THROUGH THE LIMBO REALM THAT EXISTS BETWEEN UNIVERSES, MOVING ACROSS SPACE AND TIME.
THE TWO "BROTHERS" FILL OUR VISION. I THINK THEY SOMEHOW SYMBOLIZE THE TWO UNIVERSES ...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THEY'RE OVER-POWERING... INFINITE... INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE.
JONAH! GRAB MY HAND!
JONAH TAKES IT PRETTY WELL, CONSIDERING.
LORD A'MIGHTY! AH DONE DIED AN' GONE TUH HELL!

HE GETS SUCKED UP IN SOME SORT OF TRANS-TEMPORAL TIDE AND ROCKETS AWAY FROM ME.

BIG TIME SCREW-UP! I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO CATCH UP WITH HIM, OR WHERE HE'LL END UP...

I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

HEX--!

...WHERE I'LL COME OUT!

GNGH!

WONDERFUL. CIVILIZATION.

WHAT'S LEFT OF IT.

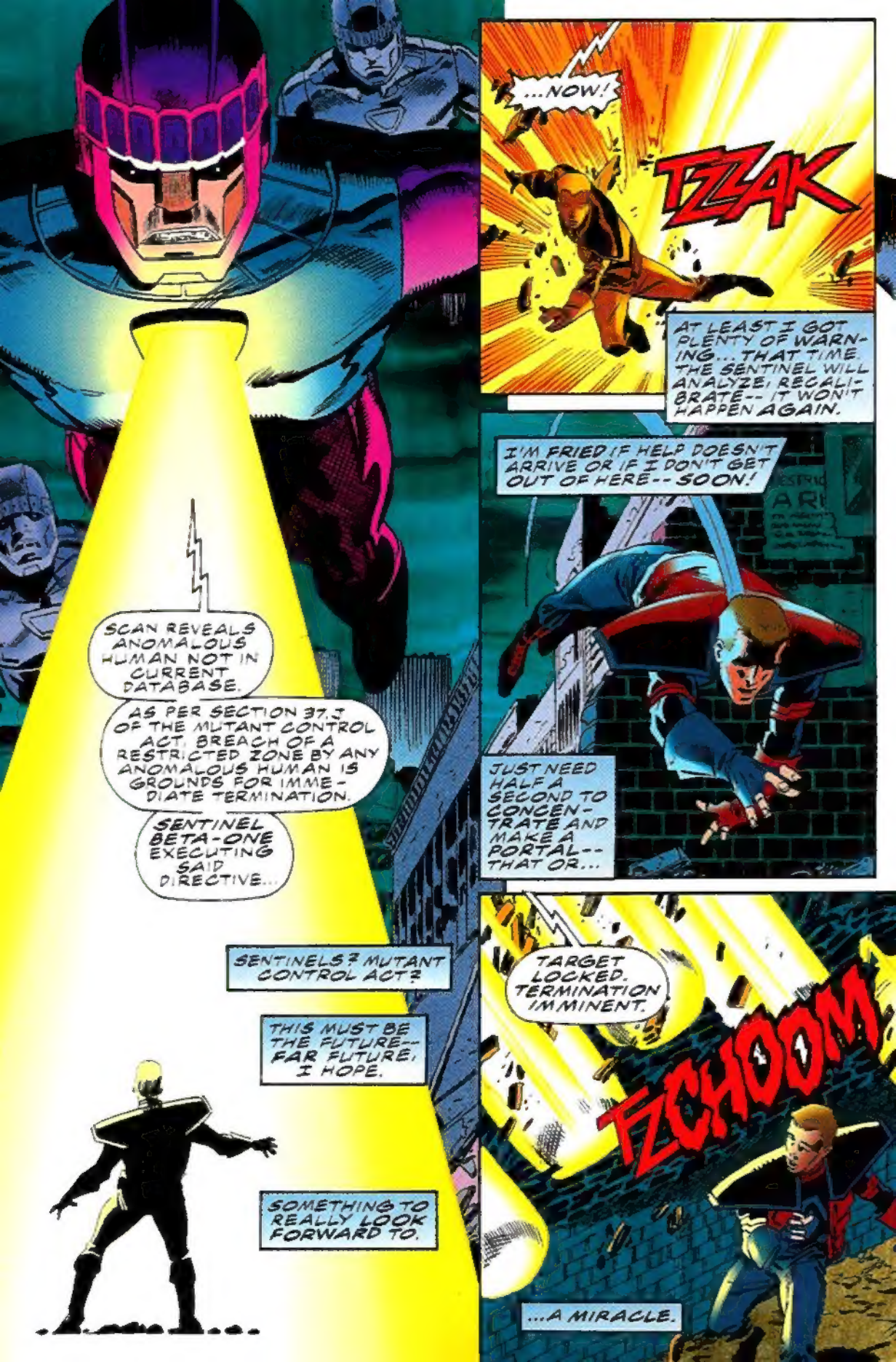
GUT'S ON FIRE.

YEAH, I REALLY LOVE THIS TIME-TRAVEL STUFF. GREAT WAY TO SEE THE WORLD AND MEET PEOPLE...

...IF YOU DON'T GET KILLED.

YOU ARE IN A RESTRICTED ZONE, HUMAN.

STAY IN POSITION FOR SCANNING.


SCAN REVEALS ANOMALOUS HUMAN NOT IN CURRENT DATABASE.
AS PER SECTION 37.J OF THE MUTANT CONTROL ACT, BREACH OF A RESTRICTED ZONE BY ANY ANOMALOUS HUMAN IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION.
SENTINEL BETA-ONE EXECUTING SAID DIRECTIVE...
SENTINELS? MUTANT CONTROL ACT?
THIS MUST BE THE FUTURE-- FAR FUTURE, I HOPE.
SOMETHING TO REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO.
...NOW!
TZZAK
AT LEAST I GOT PLENTY OF WARNING... THAT TIME. THE SENTINEL WILL ANALYZE, RECALIBRATE-- IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
I'M FRIED IF HELP DOESN'T ARRIVE OR IF I DON'T GET OUT OF HERE-- SOON!
JUST NEED HALF A SECOND TO CONCENTRATE AND MAKE A PORTAL-- THAT OR...
TARGET LOCKED. TERMINATION IMMINENT.
FZCHOOM
...A MIRACLE.

SQUAWRRRRRK!
LEAVE HIM, MECHANOIDS!
YEAH! YOU WANT A FIGHT, YOU'LL GET ONE FROM THE--
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!
CONTINUED!